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Idaho Dry Bean Production Up

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the October 2012 Agricultural Yield Survey and Dry Bean Inquiry. Acreage, yield, and production for selected crops are reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Greg V. Matthews

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Director

Idaho dry bean production for 2012 is forecast to be 3.02 million cwt, up 61 percent from last year's 1.88 million cwt. If realized, this would be the largest dry bean crop in Idaho since 1990. Yields are expected to average 2,100 pounds per acre, an increase of 100 pounds per acre from 2011 and up 200 pounds per acre from the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 144,000 acres, up 53 percent from last year's 94,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 4.00 million tons, down 7 percent from 2011. Harvested acreage, at 1.00 million acres, is the same as last year. Other hay production is estimated at 874,000 tons from 380,000 harvested acres, up from 770,000 tons from 350,000 harvested acres in 2011. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2012 is forecast to be 6.44 million tons, up 6 percent from the 6.05 million tons a year ago. Yield of 35.4 tons per acre is up from last year's 34.4 tons per acre and is a record high. Harvested area of 182,000 acres is up from the 176,000 acres harvested in 2011. Corn planted for 2012 is estimated at 360,000 acres, up from 350,000 acres the previous year and a new record high for Idaho. Of the 360,000 acres planted, 120,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, unchanged from last year. Production of canola is expected to total 85.1 million pounds, up 119 percent from last year. Harvested acreage, at 37,000 acres, is up from last year's 18,500 acres.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.0 million cwt for 2012, up 56 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.73 million acres, up 44 percent from the previous year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.69 million acres, up 46 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,836 pounds per acre, an increase of 120 pounds from 2011. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 55.6 million tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast, but down 15 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 66.4 million tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast and last year. U.S. sugarbeet production for the 2012 crop year is forecast at 35.6 million tons, up slightly from the September 1 forecast and up 23 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, up slightly from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 29.3 tons per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast but 5.5 tons higher than last year. The first canola production forecast for 2012 is 2.48 billion pounds, up 62 percent from 2011. U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down slightly from the September forecast and down 13 percent from the 2011 production estimate.

2012 Dry Bean Production Top 10 States

State	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota	11,730
Michigan	3,608
Nebraska	3,038
Idaho	3,024
Minnesota	2,914
Washington	1,955
California	1,265
Wyoming	946
Colorado	702
Montana ¹	390

2012 Alfalfa Hay Production Top 11 States

State	1,000 Tons
California	6,860
Idaho	4,000
South Dakota	3,450
Montana	3,240
Colorado	2,923
Minnesota	2,900
Iowa	2,320
Kansas	2,250
Nebraska	2,212
Arizona/Wisconsin	2,200

2012 Sugarbeet Production Top 10 States

State	1,000 Tons
Minnesota	12,771
Idaho	6,443
North Dakota	5,832
Michigan	4,284
Nebraska	1,519
Montana	1,329
California ²	1,054
Colorado	1,010
Wyoming	942
Oregon	413

¹ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

² Relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California

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Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2011-2012

	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2011	2012		2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>			<i>Thousands</i>			
IDAHO							
Alfalfa Hay	1,000.0	1,000.0	<i>Tons</i>	4.30	4.00	4,300	4,000
Other Hay	350.0	380.0	<i>Tons</i>	2.20	2.30	770	874
Sugarbeets	176.0	182.0	<i>Tons</i>	34.4	35.4	6,054	6,443
Canola	18.5	37.0	<i>Pounds</i>	2,100	2,300	38,850	85,100
Dry Beans ^{1 2}	94.0	144.0	<i>Pounds</i>	2,000	2,100	1,880	3,024
UNITED STATES							
Alfalfa Hay	19,213.0	18,812.0	<i>Tons</i>	3.40	2.95	65,332	55,566
Other Hay	36,420.0	38,762.0	<i>Tons</i>	1.81	1.71	65,812	66,408
Sugarbeets	1,213.1	1,215.5	<i>Tons</i>	23.8	29.3	28,828	35,597
Canola	1,043.0	1,737.6	<i>Pounds</i>	1,475	1,430	1,538,010	2,484,050
Dry Beans ^{1 2}	1,155.9	1,690.0	<i>Pounds</i>	1,716	1,836	19,833	31,033

¹ Yield in pounds, production in cwt. ² Excludes beans grown for garden seed; includes chickpeas.

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